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70 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE
FROM RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE COURSE

The first Russian-language course in Krakow, opened last August, will end February 1950 with 70 graduates, who will teach Russian in general studies and vocational schools. This course was attended by college students, university graduates, former factory workers and office employees. A high-school education and excellent speaking and writing knowledge of Russian were the requirements for eligibility.

Students must master thoroughly Russian grammar, Russian and Soviet literature, geography, history of the Soviet Union, problems of Marxism and Leninism, etc. This extensive program is conducted by professors and lecturers from Krakow's institutions of higher learning. To aid students in their work, lecture halls, recreation centers, and libraries have set up. Housing is provided free of charge in a co-ed dormitory and a monthly allowance of 4,000 to 15,000 zlotys is paid to each student. The amount of the allowance depends upon the financial status of the student's family. In addition, students have all types of educational aids, receive medical care, reduced railroad fares, etc. Over 50 percent of those attending this course belong to ZMP (Polish Youth Alliance) and the Party.

The course closes with examinations and issuance of credentials which entitle the holder to teach Russian on a temporary basis in various schools. Graduates of the course are qualified to teach for 3 years (up to 1952). They must, however, continue their studies during this time to receive permanent status.

At present, new candidates are being recruited for the second course, to be given in Krakow, Poznan, Bydgoszcz, Wroclaw, Warsaw, etc. Selection of candidates is made by a special Recruiting Commission. Various Party organizations recommend suitable candidates for this course. Final acceptance of candidates depend on the entrance examination to be given in mid-January 1950. Applications, together with the necessary documents, are being accepted by the OSK (Krakow Academic Regional) board up to 10 January 1950.

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